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Northeast Regional Office/Fisheries Statistics Office

2002 NMFS Surfclam / Ocean Quahog Quota Report

January 15, 2003

The following figures are based on the 2002 dealer/processor shellfish reports for purchases made through December 31, 2002.

| Species | Bushels | Percent of Quota | Quota (bushels) |
|--------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|
| Surfclam | 3,056,823 | 97.5% | 3,135,000 |
| Ocean Quahog | 3,742,867 | 83.2% | 4,500,000 |
| Maine Quahog | 122,987 | 123.0% | 100,000 |

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Effective 0001 hrs, October 24, 2002, fishing vessels holding Federal Maine mahogany quahog permits are prohibited from landing Maine mahogany quahogs harvested from within the Maine mahogany quahog area through December 31, 2002, unless fishing under an ITQ allocation.



2002 Surfclam/Ocean Quahog Landings
(preliminary data)

| | REPORTING PERIOD | | SURFCLAM | OCEAN QUAHOG | MAINE QUAHOG |
|---------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| NO. | BEGIN | END | BUSHELS | BUSHELS | BUSHELS |
| 1 | 01-JAN-02 | 15-JAN-02 | 84,928 | 84,192 | 2,658 |
| 2 | 16-JAN-02 | 31-JAN-02 | 196,842 | 188,993 | 3,947 |
| 3 | 01-FEB-02 | 15-FEB-02 | 127,936 | 114,688 | 3,526 |
| 4 | 16-FEB-02 | 28-FEB-02 | 112,672 | 155,232 | 3,900 |
| 5 | 01-MAR-02 | 15-MAR-02 | 151,901 | 165,240 | 4,253 |
| 6 | 16-MAR-02 | 31-MAR-02 | 87,776 | 106,400 | 4,271 |
| 7 | 01-APR-02 | 15-APR-02 | 141,054 | 189,696 | 3,452 |
| 8 | 16-APR-02 | 30-APR-02 | 139,728 | 192,160 | 5,587 |
| 9 | 01-MAY-02 | 15-MAY-02 | 133,920 | 204,544 | 5,516 |
| 10 | 16-MAY-02 | 31-MAY-02 | 189,652 | 235,968 | 10,434 |
| 11 | 01-JUN-02 | 15-JUN-02 | 144,064 | 162,688 | 7,081 |
| 12 | 16-JUN-02 | 30-JUN-02 | 180,352 | 220,992 | 12,007 |
| 13 | 01-JUL-02 | 15-JUL-02 | 138,784 | 149,372 | 9,032 |
| 14 | 16-JUL-02 | 31-JUL-02 | 191,328 | 178,368 | 8,166 |
| 15 | 01-AUG-02 | 15-AUG-02 | 185,216 | 203,432 | 7,563 |
| 16 | 16-AUG-02 | 31-AUG-02 | 159,841 | 186,088 | 9,795 |
| 17 | 01-SEP-02 | 15-SEP-02 | 134,141 | 173,152 | 4,454 |
| 18 | 16-SEP-02 | 30-SEP-02 | 177,700 | 195,296 | 4,142 |
| 19 | 01-OCT-02 | 15-OCT-02 | 90,304 | 146,656 | 3,562 |
| 20 | 16-OCT-02 | 31-OCT-02 | 59,264 | 140,578 | 2,985 |
| 21 | 01-NOV-02 | 15-NOV-02 | 58,880 | 98,048 | 2,465 |
| 22 | 16-NOV-02 | 30-NOV-02 | 68,384 | 157,772 | 1,843 |
| 23 | 01-DEC-02 | 15-DEC-02 | 59,631 | 69,184 | 1,151 |
| 24 | 16-DEC-02 | 31-DEC-02 | 42,525 | 24,128 | 1,197 |
| TOTALS | | | 3,056,823 | 3,742,867 | 122,987 |

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